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FOR MARY HOYT - FOR KATHY CADE, FIRST LADY STAFF
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SUBJECT: MRS. TOLBERT LUNCHEON FOR MRS. CARTER: BIOGRAPHIC
DATA ON GUESTS

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THE FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON GUESTS AT MRS.
TOLBERT'S LUNCHEON FOR MRS. CARTER (IN PROTOCOL ORDER):

1. MRS. VICTORIA TOLBERT (WIFE OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.
TOLBERT, JR); BORN: JULY 12, 1916; SIX CHILDREN
(FIVE GIRLS AND ONE SON). THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE PARTICIPATES
FULLY IN SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND HAS A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.
SHE IS NOT INVOLVED IN POLITICS BUT SUPPORTS HER
HUSBAND THROUGH HER WORK WITH THE YWCA AND YOUTH HOSTELS
FOR YOUNG GIRLS. HER NEPHEW, EDWARD A. DAVID, IS
MAYOR OF MONROVIA; A BROTHER, WILMOT DAVID, IS AN
AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE; AND A LATE BROTHER, TOWEH DAVID,
WAS A SENATOR. SHE WAS BORN IN ROBERTSPORT, CAPE
MOUNT COUNTY. SHE HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM ABOUT
SIX WEEKS IN THE U.S. WHERE SHE UNDERWENT SERIOUS EYE
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SURGERY AT JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL IN BALTIMORE.

2. MRS. ANNA WARNER (WIFE OF VICE PRESIDENT
BENNIE D. WARNER); BORN: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014]. MRS. WARNER
WAS BORN IN MARYLAND COUNTY. SHE AND HER HUSBAND
LIVED IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS FROM 1968 TO 1971 WHEN
HE WAS STUDYING AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY. MRS. WARNER

IS A TEACHER. THE COUPLE HAVE THREE CHILDREN. SELF-EFFACING, SHE IS, NONETHELESS, CONSTANTLY AT THE SIDE OF HER HUSBAND AS HE CARRIES OUT HIS VARIOUS PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. MRS. ANTOINETTE TUBMAN (WIDOW OF LATE PRESIDENT W.V.S. TUBMAN); BORN: FEBRUARY 24, 1914. MRS. TUBMAN SUPPORTS "THE ANTOINETTE TUBMAN CHILDREN AND WELFARE COMMITTEE", AND CONTRIBUTED A 20 ACRE-TRACT OF LAND FOR LIBERIA'S FIRST ORPHANAGE. SHE IS A WORLD TRAVELER AND PRO-AMERICAN. SHE HAS TWO CHILDREN, A BOY AND A GIRL (SENATOR W.V.S. TUBMAN, JR, IS HER HUSBAND'S SON BY ANOTHER WIFE). MRS. TUBMAN, A GRACIOUS LADY, RECEIVES CONSIDERABLE RESPECT AS THE WIDOW OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

4. MRS. JEANNETTE L. KING (WIDOW OF LATE PRESIDENT CHARLES D.B. KING); BORN: JULY 10, 1903. MRS. KING IS PRESIDENT OF THE LIBERIAN RED CROSS AND A WORLD TRAVELER UNTIL RECENTLY WHEN AGE HAS KEPT HER MORE AT HOME. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN AND IS FOND OF MUSIC AND GARDENING. HER HUSBAND WAS PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA FROM 1920 TO 1930.

5. MRS. MINNIE L. GREENE (WIDOW OF LATE VICE PRESIDENT JAMES E. GREENE); BORN: MARCH 15, 1926. MRS. GREENE
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HAS THREE CHILDREN, TWO BOYS AND ONE GIRL. HER HUSBAND WAS VICE PRESIDENT FROM 1972 TO 1977.

6. MRS. ANGIE BROOKS-RANDOLPH - ASSOCIATE JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT; BORN: AUGUST 24, 1928. MRS. BROOKS-RANDOLPH IS THE FIRST WOMAN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE IN LIBERIA. SHE IS TYPICAL OF THE TALENTED AND ENERGETIC CLASS OF LIBERIAN WOMAN WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. SHE WAS THE FIRST WOMAN PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UN AND PRESIDENT OF THE 24TH ASSEMBLY OF THE UNGA. JUSTICE BROOKS-RANDOLPH RECEIVED AN LL.B. AND AN M.SC. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN IN 1953. SHE HAS TWO CHILDREN, AND HAS ADOPTED MANY MORE IN LIBERIA, AMERICA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

7. MRS. FLORENCE CHENOWETH - MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE; BORN: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014]. MRS. CHENOWETH IS AN ATTRACTIVE, YOUNG MINISTER WITH EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS. SHE WAS GRADUATED IN 1967 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA IN AGRICULTURE AND ATTAINED AN M.SC. IN AGRICULTURAL

ECONOMICS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN IN 1970. SHE BECAME MINISTER IN 1977 AFTER WORKING HER WAY UP. HER MAIN PROBLEM AT THE MINISTRY IS TO INCREASE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, PRIMARILY OF EXPORT ITEMS LIKE COCOA, COFFEE AND PALM NUTS, BUT ALSO OF RICE, IN WHICH LIBERIA IS NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT. SHE IS DIVORCED WITH ONE DAUGHTER, AND HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN THE U.S. SHE HAS NOT BEEN WELL FOR THE PAST FIVE OR SIX WEEKS.

8. DR. (MRS.) ADEODU JONES - MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE; BORN: MARCH 23, 1936. MRS. JONES IS A HISTORIAN BY BACKGROUND (PH.D. IN HISTORY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, 1962). SHE HAS HELD POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND EDUCATION AND CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS MINISTER OF POSTAL AFFAIRS, 1976-1977. AS HEALTH MINISTER, ONE MAIN PROBLEM SHE FACES IS TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE VILLAGES. HER HUSBAND IS A GEOLOGIST AND FORMER MINISTER OF LANDS AND MINES.

9. MRS. AGNES DENNIS (WIFE OF FOREIGN MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS, JR.) BORN: 1931. RECEIVED HER M.S. DEGREE IN BIOLOGY FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENCE DIVISION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA. THREE CHILDREN, TWO GIRLS AND ONE BOY. ENTERPRISING, SHE MANAGES A CHAIN OF GASOLINE STATIONS FOR HER HUSBAND, AND OPENED, A YEAR AGO, ONE OF MONROVIA'S MOST ATTRACTIVE BOUTIQUES.

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10. MRS. RUTH PHILLIPS (WIFE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE JAMES T. PHILLIPS). SHE WAS BORN AND BROUGHT UP IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RECEIVED TRAINING AS A NURSE IN NEW YORK. SHE CAME TO LIBERIA IN 1954 AS A MEMBER OF THE AID MISSION. SHE IS NOW A LIBERIAN CITIZEN. MRS. PHILLIPS OPERATES THE WEST AFRICA TRAVEL AGENCY IN MONROVIA AND IS GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE AFRICAN/AMERICAN INSTITUTE. THE PHILLIPS HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

11. MRS. VIOLET BRIGHT (WIFE OF MINISTE OF JUSTICE OLIVER BRIGHT). MRS. BRIGHT STUDIED PHARMACY, BEAUTY CULTURE AND COSMETIC CHEMISTRY AT THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND ACADEMY OF BEAUTY CULTURE IN LONDON. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF A FORMER LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UK. THE BRIGHTS HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

12. MRS. EVELYN TOWNSEND (WIFE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS E. REGINALD TOWNSEND). MRS. TOWNSEND IS THE SECOND WIFE OF REGINALD TOWNSEND. HIS FIRST MARRIAGE (TO SOPHRONIA RICHARDS) ENDED IN DIVORCE. THE SECOND MRS. TOWNSEND ATTENDED SCHOOL IN THE U.S.; WORKED AS A SECRETARY TO FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE J. RUDOLPH GRIMES; WAS PRINCIPAL OF JOHN P. MITCHELL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967; AND DIRECTOR OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN 1972. SHE WAS GIVEN THE GRAND BAND OF THE HUMANE ORDER OF AFRICAN REDEMPTION FOR HER SERVICES TO SOCIETY AND THE STATE IN 1972. THE TOWNSENDS WERE MARRIED IN 1965 AND HAVE A SON AND DAUGHTER (MINISTER TOWNSEND HAS FOUR CHILDREN BY HIS FIRST MARRIAGE). MRS. TOWNSEND IS YOUNG, PRETTY, VIVACIOUS, INTELLIGENT AND ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

13. MRS. EVANGELINE DENNIS (WIFE OF LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR TO U.S.). MRS. DENNIS SERVED WITH HER HUSBAND WHILE HE WAS AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR AND THE IVORY COAST. THEY HAVE THREE CHILDREN, TWO DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON. WHILE APPEARING SOCIALLY SUBDUED TO THE POINT OF BEING RETIRING, SHE IS NONETHELESS A CHARMING PERSONALITY WITH VERY FIRM OPINIIONS, ONCE PUSHED TO EXPRESS HERSELF.

14. MR. WOKIE TUBMAN (WIFE OF SENATOR W.V.S. TUBMAN, JR), BORN: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 08 DEC 2014]. MRS. TUBMAN HAS THREE

DAUGHTERS, IS HERSELF THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT AND ONE OF LIBERIA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN. SHE DIVIDES HER TIME BETWEEN THEIR HARPER CITY (MARYLAND) AND MONROVIA HOMES.

15. MRS. DAISY TOLBERT (WIFE OF REPRESENTATIVE A.B. TOLBERT AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT). MRS. TOLBERT IS THE ADOPTED DAUGHTER OF IVORY COAST PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. MARRIED A.B. TOLBERT, SON OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT, DECEMBER 20, 1975 IN IVORY COAST. EDUCATED IN SWITZERLAND. FRENCH FLUENT, ENGLISH HALTING. SHY. NOT ACTIVE IN LOCAL AFFAIRS. ONE CHILD, A BOY, BORN LAST YEAR.
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16. SENATOR W.V.S. TUBMAN, JR; BORN: 1935. SENATOR TUBMAN IS THE SON OF LATE PRESIDENT W.V.S. TUBMAN AND IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERIAN SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. HE WAS GRADUATED FROM GOVERNOR DUMMER ACADEMY, MASSACHUSETTS, AND ATTENDED HARVARD AND RUTGERS UNIVERSITIES, BUT DID NOT GRADUATE. HE QUALIFIED TO PRACTICE LAW WHILE WORKING AS APPRENTICE IN A MONROVIA LAW FIRM. HE IS BRIGHT, HEARTY AND ARTICULATE. HE LOVES GOLF.

17. ADOPHUS BENEDICT (A.B.) TOLBERT - MEMBER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS; BORN: JULY 28, 1937. "A.B.", ELDEST OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S CHILDREN, OBTAINED A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM OBERLIN COLLEGE, OBERLIN, OHIO, AND A LAW DEGREE FROM AN EXTENSION COURSE WITH LASALLE EXTENSION LAW SCHOOL. HE FOUNDED THE TOLBERT LAW FIRM. HE IS ARROGANT, AGGRESSIVE, AMBITIOUS, ACQUISITIVE AND UNSTABLE.

18. DANIEL F. TOLBERT (YOUNGER BROTHER OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT); BORN: 1934. PRESENTLY MANAGING DIRECTOR, LIBERIAN SUPPLY CORPORATION. HE ATTENDED WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY. WORKED AS AN ACCOUNTANT AND BECAME A PRACTICING ATTORNEY IN LIBERIA IN 1969. HE HAS HAD DEALINGS WITH THE EMBASSY REGARDING IMPORT/EXPORT FINANCING. MARRIED, HE APPEARS TO BE QUITE INTELLIGENT.

19. MRS. CARLYN B. CARTER (WIFE OF U.S. AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR). MRS. CARTER DOES NOT RESIDE AT POST. SHE IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. A THIRD GENERATION WASHINGTONIAN, HER BACKGROUND INCLUDES DEGREES FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF

CHICAGO TOGETHER WITH VARIED EXPERIENCE IN BOTH THE
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LOCAL AND FEDERAL LEVEL IN SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS AND
ADMINISTRATION. HER VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORK
WITH THE CARTER TRANSITION TEAM ASSIGNED TO REVIEW
DEPARTMENT OF HEW. SHE IS CURRENTLY VISITING AT POST
PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO BE ON HAND IF NEEDED
AND WILL RETURN TO D.C. ON APRIL 3.
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